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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Igor Sinyak et al.	Examiner:	William Bashore
Serial No.:	09/371,716	Group Art Unit:	2176
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Title:	DATA DISPLAY USING MULTICOLUMN SCROLLING		
Assignee:	Intel Corporation	Customer No.	21186

PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

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The applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application.
No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a Notice of Appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated below:

Applicant respectfully traverses the § 102(b) and § 103(a) rejections of claims 1-5, 13-17, 25, 26, 29, and 31 on the same grounds as in the last Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 mailed October 11, 2005 and received by the office on October 13, 2005.

In the Final Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, the Response to Arguments section on page 6 supports the patentability of the rejected claims. For example, the Final Office Action agrees that Thielens (U.S. Patent No. 5,666,139) fails to teach “two or more adjacent columns ... on a single page.”

Thus, the Final Office Action acknowledges a difference between the claims and the teachings of Thielens, but fails to allow all of the claims.

Applicant further traverses the rejection on the basis that the Thielens reference is merely duplicative of the WordPerfect reference disposed of by the board in the previous appeal. The Thielens reference provides a pen-based copy editing apparatus. The focus of Thielens is on editing text which is analogous to the focus of the WordPerfect reference. The Board in the previous appeal decision, mailed February 14, 2005, on pages 6 and 7 stated:

“Appellants argue that the examiner has not established a prima facie case of obviousness of the claimed invention (See brief at page 6.) We agree with appellants. Appellants argue that the specification sets forth specific definitions of the claim terms “line-formatted materials” and “spilling line” at pages 4-5 of the specification. (See brief at pages 7-8.) We agree with appellants and find that the examiner has not properly interpreted claim terminology. From our review of

the screen shots from WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows, we find a scrolling of the cursor through the text in columns from the top to the bottom of the text, but we find no 'spilling of the text during scrolling. The portion of the text insertion at pages 17 and 18 of WordPerfect for Windows does perform some spilling of text during insertion of data into the form, but this is not 'wherein lines spill from the bottom of one column to the top of an adjacent column, or from the top of one column to the bottom of an adjacent column, when scrolling through the line-formatted materials' as recited in the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the "spill or scroll" referred to in column 20, lines 17-21 of Thielens is the same type addressed by the Board in the previous appeal with regard to the WordPerfect reference. Thus, the use of the Thielens reference is duplicative of the WordPerfect reference.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections based on the Thielens reference and allowance of the remainder of the claims.

CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at (612) 349-9592 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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